**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**RETIRED TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION**

**MEMBER REPORT**

1. **Major concerns of our association:**
2. **Federal Level**
3. National Pharmacare
4. Pension Security
5. Senior Housing

**2. Provincial Level**

1. Changing 30 day prescriptions to 90 days (routine prescriptions)
2. National Pharmacare
3. More nursing care beds (long waiting list)
4. Senior Housing Shortage

 **B. Main Activities of our Association since last ACER-CART AGM**

**PEI RTA AGM – Nov. 1, 2018**- Guest Speaker, Zoe Hawkins, Home Care Consultant, presentation on caregiver stress and ideas of how to cope as a caregiver. Jayna Stokes, Canadian Cancer Society, an informative presentation on the society and services it provides to cancer patients and their families. A memorial ceremony for 9 deceased members was held. Exec members gave excellent annual reports. It was a productive day. The goal for next year is for a higher attendance.

1. **ECRTO** –

PEIRTA hosted the **ECRTO on October 24–25, 2018** in Charlottetown.

It was well attended by exec. members from the five provinces. ACER-CART President Bill Berryman and eastern rep, Marg Urquart were in attendance. Our guest speakers, Dr. Stephan Wong (PEI Hearing Consultants) and Dr. Olive Bryanton (a senior receiving her PhD at the age of 80) gave over the top and uplifting presentations. PEITF President Bethany MacLeod (incoming CTF President) brought greetings from the PEITF. The Deputy Mayor of Charlottetown, Mike Duffy, brought greetings from the city. A very active and productive Round Table Discussion was held. Thanks to Johnson Insurance for providing for our banquet.

1. **Scholarships and Bursaries** –

The president attended ceremonies at the University of Prince Edward Island and Holland College for students who received bursaries and a scholarship provided by the PEIRTA.

1. **Retirement Seminars** –

The president and the vice president attended the Retirement seminars for PEITF members in **April 2019**. We gave a presentation on the PEIRTA and a RTA Golf Tournament. We encouraged the teachers to become RTA members upon retirement. Applications would be included in their retirement packages.

1. **Meeting with MLA** **–**

Members of the executive met on **March 14, 2019,** with the Hon. Robert Mitchell, Minister of Health and Wellness, and Roy Cairns, Provincial Pharmacy Consultant to discuss prescription drug issues. Very informative meeting.

1. **ACER-CART Support** -

Distribute information to all PEIRTA members through newsletters and AGM. Lobby MPs and MLAs and support ACER-CART in their priorities set out at the AGM.

Cynthia MacDonald

PEIRTA President 2018-19